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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Search Requirements

A. A meeting was held at CIA Headquarters on 5 February 1970 between representatives of OSR and NPIC regarding the problems facing NPIC in conducting searches for various type of targets such as ICBM, SA-5, ABM and HEN HOUSES. (See Appendix 1 for participants).

B. [] chaired the meeting and suggested that the OSR representatives explain the need for continuing the search requirements. The OSR representatives stated that their primary problems were:

1. The need to know the extent of coverage, primarily the weather conditions, and when the specified area was last observed on cloud-free photography.
2. They had a continuing requirement for the data both for National Intelligence estimates and for collection requirements.
3. Supporting documentation from NPIC was required in order to satisfy senior officials as to the confidence expressed in the judgments made by the analysts.

C. The NPIC representatives were then asked to present the problems facing them in NPIC in answering the three requirements stated by the OSR analysts. A briefing board depicting the current search requirements in offensive and defensive missile systems was briefed by []

[] The net result of the presentation was to show that almost the entire Western USSR was being searched for at least five different missile systems by two IEG Divisions. The point was made that for each of the five missile systems we were providing individual documentation that was redundant. The NPIC representatives also stated that some of the searches were being conducted during the 1A phase of the mission readout and that this caused an extreme hardship on the responsible interpreter. The third problem presented was the delay in modifying or deleting search areas once the target had been identified.

D. Upon completion of the problems facing NPIC in satisfying the requesters need the NPIC representatives made the following proposals:

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1. That only one set of documentation pertaining to coverage and weather conditions would be provided, preferably every six months at a map scale that would be acceptable to the requesters.
2. That the requesters review their requirements with the idea of reducing their number and make some attempt at prioritizing them.
3. That NPIC would be willing to provide on a mission-by-mission basis a statement in the OAK and OAK Supplement as to the searches covered and the degree of confidence that no additional facilities existed.
4. That NPIC upon identifying the target in the search area could have the authority to delete the search.

E. As a result of the proposals put forth by the NPIC representatives the following agreements were reached.

1. That NPIC would prepare a sample map showing coverage and weather conditions and would coordinate this map with the requesters in order to establish a basic document that could be used for all types of searches.
2. The requesters would review all of their search requirements and would try to establish those areas that had to be reported on a mission-by-mission basis and those on a quarterly or semi-yearly basis. The OSR representatives indicated that the SA-5 documentation was required only on a semi-yearly basis and that NPIC could implement that immediately.
3. That the requesters preferred that the searches not be conducted during the 1A phase of the OAK but that collection requirements often required it. It was agreed that in the future NPIC would report only the extent of coverage and weather in the 1A requirements and that the search would be conducted as part of the regular mission exploitation.
4. That NPIC would present a summary for each mission of the search areas and a confidence statement.

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5. That NPIC could delete those search areas in which targets had been identified. If the requester believe that additional installations would be deployed within the deleted search area he would submit a new search requirement.


F. The results of the meeting were positive in that we did manage to present the problems facing NPIC pertaining to searches and received assurances from the requesters that they would review their requirements in order to ease our work load. In addition to this promise we were successful in reaching the agreements stated above that have the immediate benefit of reducing the amount of documentation required by NPIC.

G. It is the recommendation of the NPIC representatives that a second meeting be scheduled in order to present the NPIC sample map of coverage and weather conditions and to review the revised requirements from the CSR analysts.


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Attachment: List of Participants

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